

# Major Commands



**USARPAC**



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U.S. Army, Pacific  
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**Commander:** LTG Edwin P. Smith  
**Headquarters:** Fort Shafter, Hawaii  
**Established:** July 1, 1957

**Mission:** U.S. Army, Pacific, is a ready, responsive, and indispensable member of the joint force team under the commander in chief, U.S. Pacific Command. USARPAC provides trained and ready forces to support military operations and peacetime engagement activities throughout the largest U.S. military area of operations. The command's focus is on shaping, responding to and preparing core elements of national and unified command strategies to promote peace and stability in the Asia-Pacific region; demonstrating highly tailorable and deployable military capabilities; and setting an example of unit competence and soldier character that regional counterpart armies will respect and emulate.

**Current Activities:** On an average day in 1999, USARPAC had more than 1,000 soldiers deployed among nearly 30 nations/locations participating in numerous operations/exercises. Key exercises include: Cobra Gold (Thailand), Tandem Thrust (Guam), Northern Edge (Alaska), Orient Shield (Japan), Northwind (Japan), Balikatan (Philippines) and Tiger Balm (Singapore).

**People:** 33,344

**Civilians:** 6,312

**Active duty:** 18,513

**National Guard:** 5,509

**Army Reserve:** 3,010



**USARSO**



**U.S. Army, South**  
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**Commander:** MG Philip R. Kensinger Jr.

**Headquarters:** Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico

**Established:** Dec. 1986

**Mission:** USARSO is the executive agency for U.S. Southern Command and supports U.S. embassies and military groups throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean. USARSO is a major "hub" for deploying U.S. National Guard and Army Reserve forces to participate in humanitarian and civic-assistance exercises in Latin America. It also conducts search-and-rescue missions and supports disaster-relief missions requested by host governments through the U.S. embassies.

**Recent Activities:** USARSO played a major role in disaster relief efforts for the Central American nations devastated by Hurricane Mitch. Each year USARSO conducts peacekeeping exercises that bring together hundreds of top military and civilian representatives from Latin American countries to cooperate and share experiences that promote democracy and stability in the region.

**People:** 1,722

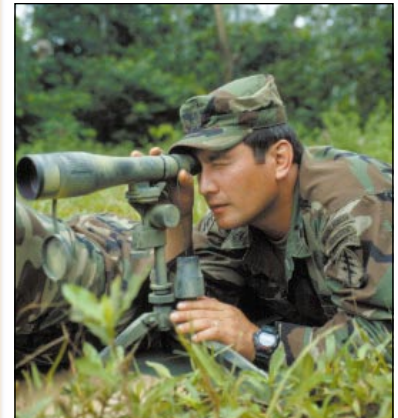
**Civilians:** 740

**Active duty:** 749

**Army Reserve:** 233



**USASOC**



**U.S. Army Special Operations Command**

**Commander:** LTG William P. Tangney

**Headquarters:** Fort Bragg, N.C.

**Established:** Dec. 1, 1989

**Mission:** USASOC trains, equips, deploys and sustains Army special operations forces for worldwide special operations supporting regional combatant commanders and country ambassadors. During an eight-month period from October 1997 to May 1998, 21,326 USASOC soldiers deployed to 102 countries and conducted 3,151 missions such as peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, demining and mine awareness, and foreign internal defense. Army SOF includes special forces, rangers, civil affairs, psychological operations, special operations aviation, and signal and support.

**Training:** About 10,000 students train annually at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg in special forces, civil affairs and psychological operations. They also train in such other important SOF skills as foreign languages and regional studies.

**People:** 25,950

**Civilians:** 950

**Active duty:** 13,300

**National Guard:** 3,400

**Army Reserve:** 8,300